

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A molded fuel cell endplate assembly suitable for use at temperatures of 70°C or higher, wherein the improvement comprises a A molded fuel cell endplate fabricated from a long fiber reinforced thermoplastic resin composite, which composite comprises:
  - (a) a thermoplastic resin comprising a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of partially aromatic polyamides, polyarylsulfones, polyaryletherketones, polyaryletheretherketones, polyaryletherimides, polyarylimides, polyarylene sulfide, and aromatic thermotropic liquid crystal polymers; and
  - (b) at least about 30 weight percent of long strand glass fiber at least ~~about~~ 5mm in length.
2. (Original) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 1 wherein the diameter of the long strand glass fiber is from about 10 micron to about 25 micron.
3. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 2 wherein said composite contains from 40 to 60 weight percent of said long strand glass fiber.
4. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 2 wherein said long strand glass fiber is from 5mm to 20mm in length.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 3 wherein said long strand glass fiber is from about 15 micron to about 20 micron in diameter.

7. (Original) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 6 wherein said thermoplastic resin component (a) comprises polyarylene sulfide or aromatic thermotropic liquid crystal polymer.
8. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 2 wherein said composite contains at least 50 weight percent of said long strand glass fiber.
9. (Original) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 8 wherein said thermoplastic resin component (a) comprises polyphenylene sulfide.
10. (Original) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 6 wherein said long strand glass fiber is incorporated in said composite by pultrusion techniques.
11. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 2 which is fabricated as a single injection molded part.
12. (Original) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 2 wherein said composite has a calculated creep resistance of less than 2.0.
13. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claims 3 wherein said composite has a calculated creep resistance of less than 1.6.
14. (Currently amended) A molded fuel cell endplate assembly suitable for use at temperatures of 70°C or higher, wherein the improvement comprises an ~~an~~ injection molded fuel cell endplate fabricated from a pultruded long fiber reinforced thermoplastic resin composite which composite comprises:
  - (a) polyphenylene sulfide; and
  - (b) about 45 to about 55 weight percent of long strand glass fiber, wherein the long strand glass fiber is from 10 mm to 15 mm in length and from about 15 micron to about 20 micron in diameter.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate assembly comprising a fuel cell endplate as described in claim 3.

17. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate assembly as described in claim 16 wherein the endplate functions as a compression plate and the assembly lacks a separate compression plate.

18. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate assembly as described in claim 17 wherein the endplate is fabricated as a single molded part.

19. (Previously presented) A fuel cell endplate as described in claim 1 wherein said composite consists essentially of said thermoplastic resin, said long strand glass fiber, and at least one additional component selected from the following: colorants, lubricants, processing aids, and stabilizers.

20. (Currently amended) A molded fuel cell endplate assembly suitable for use at temperatures of 70°C or higher, wherein the improvement comprises an ~~An~~ injection molded fuel cell endplate fabricated from a thermoplastic rein composite consisting essentially of polyphenylene sulfide and glass fiber, wherein the composite is a pultruded long glass fiber reinforced composite that contains from about 40 to about 60 weight percent of long strand glass fiber at least 5 mm in length.